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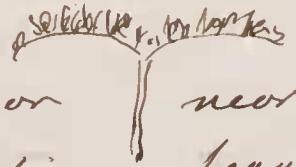
My dear Gray

Since I wrote I have seen a tracing of the H. elder drawing of Antiphytum Mexicanum which looked so Heliotropium like that I went over carefully a number of unnamed Heliotropia and there I found Bertandier's 2217 type of Antiphytum Heliotropioides which I have examined and see nothing to separate it from Lithospermum nor Rhytispermum. It seems indeed identical with Lithospermum Canescens Mart: et Gal. Our specimen or rather specimens have only one pair of opposite leaves, under a bifurcation

all the rest are alterats. The rude
drawing of A. Mexicanum is different
the bifurcate cyme is pedunculate
and the leaves are rather broader



some opposite or nearly so
others alternate I cannot
identify it with any specimen we
have. I must keep up Antephytum
for the two Brazilian species and
add the Mexican one as a doubtful
one - but A. heliotropioides must
go into Lithospermum

Yours sincerely
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